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STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I
IL Route 29
Various Counties
Four-lane study along IL 29 from IL 6 to I-180
Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02
Catalog No. 032469-00P

Ms. Jeannine Bernardi
20501 Deer Bluffs Drive
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

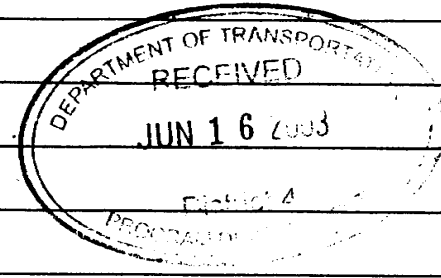
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Why do we need to use taxpayers money to do another study? in 2005?

We would rather see the road building begin.

Thank you the exhibits were helpful.

Ron and Charlotte
Masonholder
110 Sioux Dr.
Hopewell, IL 61565-9412



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Affiliation: Hopewell Board Trustees
Address: _____

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Glad to see movement with connecting to with 180. Having 89 below the bluff seems to be the best route even weighting in the environmental issues - by staying at the bluff & river less farm land will be used plus the # of miles of road will be less.

Going West of Chillicothe with exits @ ~~25~~ Old Lerna/Cedar Hills plus one @ Truitt are well thought through plans.

Let's get started - the impact should be very positive for our communities

Name:

Peggy Murphy

Affiliation:

Property owner in Chillicothe

Address:

12108 N Lake Forest Rd
Dunlap, IL 61525

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I live in Peoria and work in Chillicothe.
I also drive to Chicago quite often.

Based on the route I am not in support
of the IL Rt. 29 Expansion. I do not
think it is the shortest, fastest, or
easiest route to Chicago. This route
also only serves the North half of Peoria
and those communities along the route.

I would rather see the Peoria to Chicago
highway built along the Rt. 24 or
Rt 116 corridor. This would provide
the best access to Chicago and serve
the entire Tri-county area rather
than just a small portion.

These routes would likely be
less expensive to construct due to the
topology of the corridors.

I think that a 4 lane highway
along Rt 24 or Rt ~~24~~¹¹⁶ in conjunction
with the ring road and N. bridge at
Mossville would have a dramatically
~~increased~~ larger economic ~~and~~ benefits
to the area.

Even if the Rt 29 highway were
built, I would likely continue to
use the ~~Rt 24~~ 2 lane Rt 116 to
get to Chicago because it is
the fastest, shortest route to Chicago.

Name: Eric Schultz

Affiliation:

Address: 912 N. COOPER ST
PEORIA IL 61606

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A STONES THROW FROM HOUSE
300 FT OR LESS. I LIVE NOW WHERE
THERE IS NO NOISE ROAD TRAFFIC DAY
OR NIGHT. IF I HAD TO SELL MY
HOUSE AFTER YOU APPROVED THIS ROAD
I WOULD NOT GET HALF OF WHAT
IT IS WORTH NOW. I'M AGAINST
THIS ROUTE. I WOULDN'T FARM
GROUND BE EASIER TO USE AND
LESS DISRUPTIVE TO EVERYONE INVOLVED.

Name: RON ELLER

Affiliation: _____

Address: 14428 WAYNE RD
CHILLICOTHE IL

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14428 Wayne Road
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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The project will not benefit Chillicothe, Spaulding & Lacom due to it will go around these communities

It will ruin good farm ground and ecologically concrete is only covering more and more ground and the State cannot even take care of the roads we have.

The route is not any faster or closer to Chicago. ☹

The State has no money, so why a road that has no merit.

Illinois needs the farm ground not concrete!

Money can be spent better on education for our kids.

We do not want to spend money on a highway that cannot be taken care of by you.

Politicians do not know everything that is good for the Public and they do not listen to the people that vote them in.

To make a stay short project doesn't make sense.

Name: Lachry Mulally Judy Mulally

Affiliation: _____

Address: 22903 N. Shepard Rd.
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Ms. Julie Mulally
22903 N. Shepard Road
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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We have to ask ourselves,
do we need ~~the~~ much concrete,
do we want ~~the~~ much concrete,
what kind of lives do we
really want to lead?

Name: Tom Edwards
Affiliation: 2702 N. Peoria Ave
Address: Peoria, Ill. 61603

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I feel this Route 29 change is not needed, there will be so many house & families destroyed. I wanted to hand my land down to my children. I won't be able to do this if you take it from me.

I feel the money that you want to put into this road, should really be spent on schools that are closing, our senior citizens that are in need.

I was told that this so called wonderful road will only save drivers 2 min. (2 minutes.) Will that money could save are seniors & our childrens education. & That's better then

if this road went in and we had to move my child, would have to change school. Because the road is basically taken out. Sparland.

We live on Hardscrabble Road so 2 of your routes will take me out.

Travels will survive on the routes we have now. Don't take out our homes, we have no way to go.

Name:

Sheri Price (Ray Price)

Affiliation:

Address:

518 County Rd 850 E
Sparland Ill. 61565

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Sparland, IL 61565

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Thank you for the opportunity to see these proposals. Protection of wetlands, CONR lands, and other sensitive areas is essential.

Sierra Club has concerns for what highway construction would do to environmental quality of existing fish and wildlife areas.

There is significant sedimentation and slippage issues in the area of Crow Creek and management efforts along portions of the bluff could require huge expense.

Heart of Illinois Sierra Club sees little benefit from a higher speed route along the Route 29 corridor. Increased road kill; pollution from vehicles; noise and negative impacts on what should be a lower speed scenic drive will be caused by either alignment.

Joyce Blumenknecht
Heart of Illinois Sierra Club

Name:

Joyce Blumenknecht

Affiliation:

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Address:

2419 E. Reservoir

Peoria, IL 61614-8029

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From my contact with Eric T regarding the reasoning behind that the 2001 accidents is a reason to uproot homeowners and destroy a part of the state is atrocious. The majority of the accidents according to the DOT is rear ending accident which a more economical solution would be to put up "Slow Traffic Keep Right" signs not the type of destruction that is being proposed. The second "FACADE" to blind the local businesses to improve their revenue is also a lie. I am old enough and from the Champaign area originally and remember the lies regarding how will the small towns along 74 from Champ-Bloomington would be and I haven't yet

seen a "Super Valu" or Super Walmart in Leroy, Mansfield, Farmer City, Downs, and Congerville now that is a thriving metropolis. If money is no issue and the concerns of the residents are of no concern the State or Mr. LaHood can write me a check for

\$2,000,000.00 made out to the name and address below and he can have my property!

Name: BOB STROHL
Affiliation: HOMEOWNER
Address: 8 HOPEWELL DR

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ITS A BAD IDEA. IT ISN'T NECESSARY.
WE VOTED THIS DOWN ONCE. PEOPLE
ALREADY HAVE ACCESS TO I-80 FROM
I-39
~~I-39~~ AS WELL AS ~~I-55~~ I-55. ITS A COMPLETE
WASTE OF MONEY AS WELL AS NATURAL
RESOURCES (LAND). IF THE STATE IS OUT
OF MONEY - AS WE ARE BEING TOLD, THEN WHY
WASTE MORE MONEY ON SOMETHING THAT
NO ONE WANTS OR TRULY NEEDS.
Rte 29 HAS A 55 MILE AN HOUR SPEED
LIMIT - PUTTING THIS KIND OF MONEY
SO PEOPLE CAN DRIVE 65 IS RIDICULOUS.
IT SOUNDS LIKE RAY LAHOOD MUST BE
GETTING A KICK-BACK TO KEEP TRYING
TO PUSH THIS DOWN OUR THROATS.
I VOTED FOR RAY LAHOOD MORE THAN
ONCE - I WON'T MAKE THAT
MISTAKE AGAIN!

Name: MARILYN STROHL

Affiliation: _____

Address: 95 HOPEWELL DR, SPARLAND

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95 Hopewell Drive
Sparland, IL 61565

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- 1) Original intent was endorsed because it went thru their towns. This route will cut local business.
- 2) Excellent farmland ruined.
- 3) Absurd to spend so much money for so little gain in time to Chicago or other "benefits". I-80 is already so heavily used that we avoid it and will continue to do so.
- 4) If we have to spend the ring road completion looks like a much more beneficial project.

Name: John & Toni Clarke

Affiliation: _____

Address: 15615 N. Ivy Lake Rd., Chubbuck,
Illinois 61523

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- Create High Traffic + Noise To rural residential Homes And subdivisions
- Lower property values
- Will possibly create need to open other Access roads To And around homes that are secluded or on dead-end lanes
- Need To Improve Current Rt 29 Not Create New expensive road
- This will intersect at the end of my dead-end lane!
- I do not think that this needs to be done. More study IS needed!! THERE MUST BE A way TO Avoid more homes And farmland

Name: LINDA MARCHAND

Affiliation:

Address: 3512 E. Hidden Valley Lane
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Name: Chris Marchand

Affiliation: _____

Address: 3512 E. Hidden Valley LN.

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ANY ONE OF THESE ROUTES WOULD
PROVIDE US WITH ADDED CONVENIENCE
& SOME TIME SAVINGS IN TRIPS TO & FROM
CHICAGO AND PLAINFIELD, WHERE ONE
OF OUR SONS & FOUR OF OUR GRAND-
CHILDREN LIVE.

HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THIS PROJECT SHOULD
NOT GO AHEAD. THE PRIMARY FACTORS
DRIVING MY NEGATIVE FEELINGS ARE:

- THE INCREMENTAL ECONOMIC
BENEFIT TO THE REGION IS VERY
QUESTIONABLE - FAR FROM A
SURE THING

- THERE APPEARS TO BE SIGNIFICANT
INCREMENTAL COST REQUIRED TO
PROTECT THE SENSITIVE WILDLIFE
HABITAT (WHICH, I BELIEVE IS WORTH-
WHILE IF THE PROJECT PROCEEDS)

- THE INCREMENTAL BENEFITS POTENTIAL
JUST DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE COSTS,

- \$300M+

- PEOPLE & BUSINESS DISPLACEMENT

- PROBABILITY OF SOME WILDLIFE
HABITAT IMPACT.

IN SUMMARY, NOT GOOD USE OF TAXPAYER
DOLLARS, WHICH ARE A SCARCE RESOURCE
THESE DAYS!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PROVIDING THIS
INFORMATIVE MEETING, & THE OPPORTUNITY
TO "OFFICIALLY" VOICE MY OPINION.

Name: JAMES M (JIM) MILLER

Affiliation: AREA RESIDENT & WILDLIFE SUPPORTER

Address: 315 WOOD RIDGE DR.

DUNLAP, ILL. 61525

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I am opposed to the whole project. It will not accomplish either of the objectives I have heard articulated. It is not a reasonable route to connect to other highways to get to Chicago. It would be much more efficient to make a bridge at Morrisville & connect to I-39. Secondly, it does not bring traffic to businesses along Route 29 - most cars will not stop to do business. - It is a waste of our federal tax dollars.

Name:

James Perry

Affiliation:

FEA

Address:

12114 N. Lake Forest Dr.
Aurora, IL 61525

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down our throats again.
We need all the farm land
for growing food & fuel. Let's
use some common sense
for a change, if you think
we need a better road
corridor 29 like I thought
this was suppose to be.
You can tell Mr. LaHood
if he supports C1 or C7
a coalition will be started
up again maybe we can
get rid of this road & him.

Name:

Gay Shup

Affiliation:

Address:

5922 E Skypark Rd

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I see no need for increased roads to Chicago - if it has to happen, it should follow 29 as much as possible. If family farm ground and homes are threatened, the state will have a fight on it's hands.

Name:

Maureen Shepard

Affiliation:

farm owner

Address:

5922 E. Shepard Rd.
Chillicothe

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I won't sell and don't want to. Keep it as open the farm land where there is no houses.

Name:

Dale Elder

Affiliation:

Address:

14428 N Wayne Rd
Chillicothe, IL

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stopidely once
and for all
a state with no money
should be helping the elderly
schools or the elderly
get medications - no
one needs to drive 65 mph.
to Chicago - Uneducated children
driving - And the
spend

won't be able to pass 411
sick, elderly
day in Chicago
Can't find him
cause I had him
"Same" in history
BOOKS

Name:

Jan Holloway

Affiliation:

Address:

476 Yankee Lane
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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-Would prefer to keep Rt 29
I love it but have it repaved.
As a resident of Chillicothe, I don't see
how my driving to Chicago will be
improved. Currently, take 29N to
Rts 17 or 18 and then east to I-39.
How about a public referendum
from residents in counties affected?

No to a new Rt 29

Name: Jim Byron

Affiliation: Chillicothe Resident

Address: 232 Cloverfield Chillicothe 61523

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Illinois Route 29
Various Counties
Four Lane Study along IL 29 from IL 6 to I-180
Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02
Catalog No. 032469-00P

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232 Cloverfield
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Stay away from the Rt 29 North of Chalkville, stay away from the river. Can't the bluffs with the timber for wildlife be left alone. Its been destroyed almost everywhere. If you want to completely destroy the migratory flight area from north to south put it along the river.

If you need to do this use up farm ground that is possibly being funded by the government anyway.

Just say No to all of it
The road is Not needed!

Name:

David W. Ross Jr

Affiliation:

Address:

519 S. Riverview Ct Lacon Ill
61540

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I AM GENERALLY IMPRESSED AND PLEASED WITH THE EFFORT MADE TO MAKE THIS ROAD'S IMPACT ON THE IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE. THE POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTION OF SENSITIVE AREAS WAS VERY HIGH, AND IT IS OBVIOUS A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT HAS BEEN EXPENDED TO PREVENT THIS.

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL INCREASE IN TRAFFIC, NOISE (!), EMISSIONS (!) AND OTHER SUCH EFFECTS ON THE EXISTING ROUTE 6 AND I 474. HAS ANY STUDY BEEN CONDUCTED TO TRY TO PREDICT THESE EFFECTS? IF SO, WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEDIATE THEM?

I REMAIN UNCONVINCED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD WILL BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF PEDRIANS. THIS ROAD IS PUBLICIZED AS AN EXPRESS ROUTE TO CHICAGO. PERHAPS, BUT I DO NOT PREDICT THAT I WILL USE IT. I STILL THINK THIS IS POOR USE OF TAX DOLLARS

AND A BETTER ROUTE REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED, AND UNPLANNED.

Name:

DAN CORDRAY

Affiliation:

TAXPAYER!

Address:

4802 W. LYNNBROOK DR
PEDI, IL 61615

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4802 W. Lynnbrook Drive
Peoria, IL 61615

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I don't not approve of several aspects of this proposal.

1.) What happened to the original Engineering and why is this proposal a "done deal"

2.) 15 minutes does not justify the expense and property devaluation of this proposal. People should just leave for a trip to Chicago 15 minutes earlier.

3.) Rt. 39/51 should be utilized if this road is a must.

Name:

Steve Genseal

Affiliation:

my family's welfare

Address:

4106 Brougham Ct

Chillicothe IL 61523

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IN YELLOW ON THE DISPLAY
MAPS IN THE AREAS OF CEDAR
HILLS, OLD GALENA ROUTE 6,
ROUTE 29 AND THE CAT PLANTS
IS MUCH BETTER THAN THE OLD
PROPOSAL - IT AVOIDS FOREST
PRESERVES, WET LANDS AND HAS
THE LEAST SHORT AND LONG TERM
IMPACT ON EXISTING LOCAL ROADS.

HOWEVER I CONTINUE TO
QUESTION THE NEED. I LIVE
NEAR CEDAR HILLS & OLD GALENA
AND WHEN TRAVELING NORTH -
TO CHICAGO FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE
ROUTE 29 TO ROUTE 17 TO
INTERSTATE 39 AND WILL
CONTINUE THIS PATH - EVEN IF
A NEW HIGHWAY IS BUILT!!

I THINK THE TAXPAYERS
MONEY WOULD BE BETTER
SPENT FIXING EXISTING ROADS
IN ILLINOIS - WHICH ARE
SOME OF THE WORST IN THE
NATION. - I REGULARLY TRAVEL
TO AND FROM ABOUT 25 STATES
AND THE ILLINOIS ROADS ARE
MUCH WORSE THAN ANY OTHER
STATE TOWARDS THE NORTHEAST,
EAST, SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST
OF ILLINOIS

Name: BARBARA F. NICOLL
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